



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 3-4-19
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Jane Hamor, Amanda Nelson, Pam Becker, Linnea Nemeth, Yulia Rothenberg, Cliff Blake, Maria Ayer, Dennis Shanahan, Kim Schuman, Rick Kinkaid

Absent: Mike Lee

Guest: Dave Tompkins

Call to Order: 6:31

Citizens Forum: Dave Tompkins, Executive Director, Woodman Museum

The Woodman has made great strides in engaging people in social media. They revived the speaker's series and will be doing a lecture approximately once a month. They also started art classes for homeschoolers and interested public school kids—ranging from K-middle school (high schoolers aren't interested in group classes—they want one-on-one mentoring classes). They are exploring art classes for adults. They are also expanding their art shows, with the first one being tattoo artistry, and the second one will be a block print juried show. They are also approaching a couple of artists who have never had an art show.

Minutes

Yulia made motion to accept with changes, Rick seconded; it passed unanimously.

City Grant

The grant application is online. How to get the word out. Each member of the Commission will contact other organizations to share information about the grant. The list includes the following: Kim: Art Center Main Street, Children's Museum/Cliff: Stakeholders/Jane: Sanctuary Arts, Sonatina/ Linnea: Creative Communities Network, NH Art Institute, Sole City, Fusion and Northeast Dance/Yulia: Garrison Players, Strand, Seacoast Charter School/Maria: UNH, NH Art Assoc., 3S/Rick: Great Bay Art Assoc., Veterans in Art/Amanda: E-Opps (State Council on the Arts)/Pam: League of NH Craftsmen.

For now, the entire commission will review the grant proposals, and if the Commission is flooded it can divvy up the work amongst the members and submit the top contenders.

Visioning / Cultural Plan

Kim and Jane met with Dave Carpenter to discuss the Commission's visioning plan. He suggested we email it to Chris. Pam and Kim will proofread it one more time before emailing to Chris. Jane will ask him for feedback before our next meeting.

Chestnut St Mural

Jane emailed Ali the revised RFP. They discussed the time frame for responses, deciding upon a six-week window for responses. Jane also asked them to create a dedicated email for responses.

Public Art Installation at City Hall

The art is going up this Friday. There is no current end date, hoping that it can stay up for more than 30 days. Kim will finish the bio and artist statement.



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Sophie's mural

There was a fabulous reveal. The senators were there. There was an article in Fosters. The resolution is done. There was an anonymous donation to pay for the mounting of the work. The plan is to have an opening event and dedication on Saturday May 4th. There will also be a community discussion around climate change.

Art Walk / April volunteer

April—Cliff

We will need a new location for May. Jane is going to reach out to the Children's Museum.

HS Performance space

Rick spoke with Peter Driscoll, who gave him the name of the facilities coordinator. Dennis will be meeting with the fundraising committee. The coordinator has some concerns before she has any public discussion, but the Commission doesn't know what they are. The Commission will schedule a tour to occur before our next meeting in April. Rick will coordinate the tour.

The Commission will also discuss at a future meeting having a high school liaison.

Americans for the Arts

No new developments.

New Business/Outreach

Amanda attended the first meeting of the renewed Dover Historical Society. There was an excellent turn-out, with standing room only in the trustees room at the Library. The group formed an executive committee to lay out plans for the future of the organization, to be presented to the entire group at a meeting in April.

Jane and Cliff attended the Cocheco Arts Festival. They were evaluating the music groups. It didn't seem like there was much variety in the music groups. The chairperson is an electrician, Dennis Burke, and has been there for many years. He pulled Jane aside after the meeting, saying he wants to turn things around and create a strategic plan. He wants to have the Arts Commission involved.

Election of officers

Chair: Jane

Vice-Chair: Linnea

Treasurer: Pam

Secretary: Amanda

Yulia made a motion that the terms will run the fiscal year, with the current term to run until end FY 2020, Rick seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Rick made a motion to accept the slate, Cliff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rick moved to adjourn, Pam seconded. It passed unanimously.

Adjourned 8:18